

# California Environmental Quality Act

## REVISED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Bay Area Air Quality  
Management District  
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**LEAD AGENCY:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND PROPOSAL TO ADOPT NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE  
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072**

**Project Title:** Amendments to: Regulation 8, Rule 28: Episodic Releases From Pressure Relief Devices at Petroleum Refineries and Chemical Plants.

**Project Location:** The rule and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

**Project Description:** The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Pressure relief devices in petroleum refineries and chemical plants exist to protect process vessels and other equipment in these facilities from over-pressurization during upset conditions. The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 28 will require affected facilities to:

- Explicitly require monitoring systems be installed on all atmospheric pressure relief devices (PRDs);
- Require facilities to ensure that they have the capability to detect and quantify all release events, including releases of 10 pounds or more, and require facilities to demonstrate this capability to the District;
- Require data recording and recordkeeping for venting and emissions verification;
- Clearly define the equipment subject to the rule and terms used in the rule such as "telltale indicator";
- Make minor, non-substantive changes to the rule such as deleting obsolete references to "turnarounds", moving requirements where appropriate, and clarifying various sections of the rule.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the Negative Declaration will be available for review on the District's website at [http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory\\_public\\_hearings.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm) or at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Victor Douglas, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to [vdouglas@baaqmd.gov](mailto:vdouglas@baaqmd.gov). The review period for the Negative Declaration is from Monday, November 7 until Monday, November 28, 2005. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 28. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.